

Alliance For Parks

Get involved in your City Parks – the G-PARC Parks Alliance is looking for volunteers!

What is G-PARC?

The Gaithersburg Parks, Arts and Recreation Corporation (G-PARC) is a nonprofit organization that promotes awareness, engages public and private partnerships, and raises resourcing to support new and matured parks, arts, and recreation initiatives of the City of Gaithersburg. G-PARC is supported by three “Alliances”, the Alliance for Arts and Culture, the Alliance for Recreation, and the Alliance for Parks.

The **G-PARC Alliance for Parks** will focus on *All Parks for All People*. Our overarching goal is to make sure that all citizens know of the parks that are available for use and enjoyment in the City of Gaithersburg, with particular focus on improving equity, knowledge, and accessibility for underserved communities in Gaithersburg.

Did you know...

- Gaithersburg is home to 30 parks— that encompass 893 acres—within its 10.3 square miles
- 74% of Gaithersburg residents live within one quarter mile of a City park
- 93.6% of Gaithersburg residents live within one half mile of a City park
- Counting both City and County parks, 100% (!!) of residents live within 0.63 miles of a park



Find Your Park: The G-PARC Parks Alliance has begun mapping all City parks and the trails that access them.

Connect with Your Park: The G-PARC Parks Alliance is working to launch a Youth Public Art Program to engage young artists and create and install trail markers.

Become a Friend of Our Parks - join us at our next monthly meeting (via Zoom call) to find out more about the GPARC Parks Alliance, the Trail Mapping Initiative, and how you can help!

HOW THE PARKS ALLIANCE WORKS

The Parks Alliance is under the umbrella of the Gaithersburg Parks, Arts and Recreation Corporation (G-PARC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit that promotes awareness, engages public and private partnerships, and raises resources to support new and matured parks, arts, and recreation initiatives in the City of Gaithersburg. G-PARC and its three Alliances use the Parks, Recreation and Culture Element of Gaithersburg's Master Plan as a strategic guide in developing and implementing Alliance efforts.

The Parks Alliance Board develops, guides and manages the efforts of the Alliance, including those of *Friends of Groups* who work in support of established programs, projects and initiatives. The Alliance Board Chair is a member of the G-PARC Governing Board of Directors and reports to that Board on Alliance activities. The Alliance Board ensures that its programs and *Friends of Groups* are meeting the mission and goals of G-PARC and the Alliance, and are following applicable policies and guidelines.

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